

LITTLEPORT PARISH COUNCIL

Report of a Parish Council Meeting held in The Barn on Monday 18th October 2004 at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Councillor P M Cox
Councillor C M Ambrose Smith
Councillor F J Brown
Councillor J H Crane
Councillor S Green
Councillor B W Hayes
Councillor D T Murfitt
Councillor G Norman
Councillor M Pyrah
Councillor A N Wright

Also present County Councillor Bailey

1. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a] Remembrance Sunday 14th November
- b] Chief Superintendent Needle and Inspector Gallop will be attending a public meeting on Tuesday 23rd November at 7.00pm in Littleport Village Hall
- c] Public Enquiry re: Extinguishment of (part) Footpath 11 _Littleport Village Hall 2nd and 3rd November
- d] Letter of thanks from Littleport Leisure re: Fishing Grant

2. APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cooper, Howard, L E J Murfitt and District Councillor Morrison

3. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE;

Councillor Mrs C M Ambrose Smith duly signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4. MINUTES:

The reports of the Finance and Parish Council Meetings held on 20th September 2004, the Special Parish Council Meeting held on 27th September 2004, the Planning Meeting, the Play Equipment, Allotments, Open spaces and Footpaths Working Party Meeting and the Street Lights Working Party Meeting held on 4th October 2004 were confirmed.

5. FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

Councillor Norman reported on the following recommendations:-

To award Grants under the Section 137 of the Local Government Act to

Littleport Judo Club	£250.00
Littleport Village Hall	£500.00

And a grant of £500.00 to Littleport Celebration Lights Committee.

Agreed

6. FOLLOW UP DIARY:

The Clerk reported

Response received from the Office of the Home Secretary regarding Police issues. Copies of the response were circulated. The only other response received was from Chief Superintendent Needle

Proposed changes to bus services in the next financial year required local comments. Miss Jean Peachey as a frequent bus user advised the Clerk on service changes likely to affect this parish.

Two new bus shelters should be installed by the end of the month at Crown Lane and Parsons Lane adjacent to the Medical Centre.

Traffic calming measures currently installed in Ely Road will be modified to address the problems of noise pollution etc.

7. DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT:

Councillor Wright reported:

Planners were keen to help the applicant of a recent planning application to provide a much needed Montessori school in the village. Concerns about parking and dropping off at the proposed site had been noted.

Cecilia Tredget Deputy Chief Executive at East Cambs had seen the diversion of Section 106 funding away from Littleport and was able to report the funding is now coming back.

District Council Office Accommodation. The figures on the choices for the new offices would be available in 2/3 weeks and the timescale on meetings would need to be revised to allow for Councillors to consider them.

By relocating everything onto one site it should reduce running costs. Councillor Wright will not vote for anything which will cost ratepayers money.

8. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Councillor Bailey reported he is still actively chasing up on Youth Provision.

9. PLAY EQUIPMENT. ALLOTMENTS, OPEN SPACES AND FOOTPATHS:

Councillor F J Brown reported that the hedging at the Skate Park would be planted soon. The clearance of the perimeter of Parsons Lane would commence in November.

Councillors approved a 364 day agreement to let the Council owned vacant land at Parsons Lane to the occupier of No 2 for use as garden land.

10. PAYPHONES:

BT had removed a damaged telephone booth opposite Colville House on Lynn Road. The Parish were asked for their views on losing this facility. It was agreed to its removal only if there was a public telephone at the Station.

11. VICTORIA STREET TRAFFIC PROBLEMS:

Councillor F J Brown raised concerns about the traffic flow in Victoria Street particularly from the Granby Street junction to Thoroughfare Way. Frequently the bus could not get through, which raised concerns about Emergency Vehicles. It was noted that events in the Village Hall caused problems particularly on a Thursday evening.

It was agreed to ask the professionals to look at the problem at ways to improve traffic flow without losing any on street parking for those properties without off road parking and also make a site visit on a Thursday evening.

12. IMPROVING SECURITY:

Agreed to send for the brochure on the improving security within our organisation provided by the Cambridgeshire Constabulary.

13. YOUTH FACILITIES:

Councillor Hayes reported on the achievements so far with the meetings and they were far and away above expectations. Next meeting of the group takes place on 12th November.

14. NALC ANNUAL CONFERENCE:

Councillor Hayes produced a report on the Annual Conference and noted that regionalisation was high on the agenda.

15. CCTV:

The Chairman reported on a radio link CCTV system which the parish stood a good chance to afford. Chubb has supplied one tender but to comply with Standing Orders and grant applications the tender would need to be extended to others. The Chairman would draw up a suitable loosely worded specification.

Councillor D T Murfitt supported the scheme and recommended we should proceed to the next stage which would include seeing the cameras in operation. Seconded by Councillor Wright and carried unanimously.

In confirmation of the foregoing report

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CHAIRMAN

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